this on Sunday or Monday at farthest. I have been detained in caulking the ship all round. This, have sent by the small Tender to wait your further orders until the ship comes down. The large tender sails this morning with the two nineteen pounders, shot, wads &^c

I am Gentⁿ y^r most oblidged, Hum^{ble} Serv^t to command, James Nicholson.

Friday 19 July 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday except M^r Tilghman.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Bullen 12 Musquets and Accourrements with a sufficient Quantity of powder & Ball for the same.

Mr Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Wilkins three hundred Pounds to be applied towards defraying the Expences of the Breastworks.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Philip Meroney five hundred Pounds common money to be lodged with Mess¹s John Hanson junior and Christopher Edelen for the purchase of Fire Arms.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Philip Meroney twelve pounds for two month's services as Adjutant to Col. Baker Johnson's Battalion of Militia.

Copy of Letter N° 57 was sent to Col. Thomas Dorsey, and Copy of Letter N° 58 to the Honble John Page Esq^r President of the Colony of Virginia.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Timmins 18 Musquets to be repaired.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Edward Timmins twenty two Shillings for repairing Arms for the Militia.

Copy of Letter N° 59 was sent to Dr. Charles Frederick Wiesenthal, Copy of N°. 60 to John West Esquire Chairman of the Committee of Observation at Alexandria, and Copy of N° 61 to Mr Stephen Steward.

Ordered That Capt. Thomas immediately proceed with his Company to St. Mary's County and put himself under the Direction of the commanding Officer there.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores furnish each non-commissioned Officer and Private of Capt. Thomas's Company with 23 Rounds of Cartridge with Ball.